

Club; Carolina Yacht Club; Winyah Indigo Society; Society of Colonial Wars of South Carolina; Forum Club (president), and member of St. Andrew's Society of South Carolina.

Besides his parents, Mr. Clarkson was predeceased by his sister Jennie Clarkson Dreher of Columbia and grandson Peter Crawford Roney. Mr. Clarkson is survived by Sarah Fairbanks Bull Clarkson, his wife of sixty-four years and by his six children: Jennie Taber Clarkson Olbrych (husband John and their children John Crawford, Ruslan, Christiana, Oksana, Maxim, and Susan) of Charleston, Sarah Bull Clarkson (husband John Herre and their children Margaret and Caroline) of Norfolk, Va., Susan Cornish Clarkson Keller (husband Kent) of Charleston, Margaret Crawford Clarkson (husband Peter Roney and their daughter Margaret Crawford) of Arlington, Va., Andrew Crawford Clarkson III (wife Caroline) of Columbia, and Thomas Boston Clarkson of Atlanta, Georgia. He is also survived by nieces Ann Crawford Dreher and Jane Dreher Emerson both of Columbia. The family deeply appreciates the caregivers from Solutions at Home of Still Hopes and most especially Ms. Donna Turner, and all who cared for Crawford with love and professionalism.

Friends are invited to call at the Clarkson family home, 4339 Chicora Street, Monday evening between 5:00 and 7:00 p.m.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, October 1, Trinity Episcopal Cathedral in Columbia, 1100 Sumter Street, with burial in the churchyard. The family will receive friends in Satterlee Hall following the burial. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Trinity Foundation, 1100 Sumter Street, Columbia SC 29201, or Indian Waters Council BSA, P.O. Box 144, Columbia SC 29202. Honorary pallbearers will be members of the St. Andrews Society of the City of Columbia.

IN HONOR OF SOROPTIMIST
INTERNATIONAL OF BUCKS
COUNTY

HON. MICHAEL G. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Saturday, September 28, 2013

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, Soroptimist International of Bucks County is celebrating its 75th anniversary and we gratefully acknowledge this milestone, and the mission of this

international service organization working on behalf of women and girls. Soroptimist clubs are noted for addressing the needs of women and girls in the communities they serve in the United States and around the world. In Bucks County, Soroptimist volunteers readily address the local need with thousands of service hours and dollars. Your clubs are carrying on the mission in 19 countries and territories worldwide, as well. Soroptimist organizations are to be congratulated for contributing to the betterment of the community and to the women and girls who benefited by your generosity through educational grants. We know that in 2010–2011 your organization distributed \$1.5 million in educational grants to 1,221 women. As we acknowledge your work in Bucks County we also extend our gratitude to the founders and current members who surely will continue this service into the future.

NATIONAL DAY OF THE REPUBLIC
OF CHINA

HON. JOHN R. CARTER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Saturday, September 28, 2013

Mr. CARTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of the upcoming National Day of the Republic of China; an important day which led to the establishment of the Republic of China in 1912.

Taiwan and the United States have been good friends and strong trading partners for many years. Both countries share common values and desires. Taiwan has proven to be a valuable trading partner to the United States and it is time to formalize the U.S.-Taiwan trading relationship through a Bilateral Investment Agreement with Taiwan.

As a trading leader in the Asia Pacific region, I encourage my colleagues to support Taiwan in their efforts to join the Trans-Pacific Partnership. Taiwan is a trusted trading partner and an economic leader; their inclusion would bring credibility to the partnership and enhance their reputation.

In closing, I encourage United States and Taiwanese leadership to continue their cultural exchange by diplomatic visits to further strengthen this important relationship.

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS EXPIRING AUTHORITIES ACT OF 2013

SPEECH OF

HON. BILL FLORES

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 27, 2013

Mr. FLORES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of the Senate Amendment to H.R. 1412.

This bill extends many expiring authorities for needed veteran programs, and I am glad to see it on the floor today.

I would like to specifically highlight two provisions that passed out of the Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity, which I have the distinct honor of chairing.

The first provision was originally proposed in Mr. Coffman's bill, H.R. 1402, which would extend the authority for VA to operate an adaptive sport program under an agreement with the U.S. Paralympic Committee.

Mr. Speaker, under this agreement the U.S. Paralympic Committee provides grants to community based programs helping disabled veterans further their rehabilitation through adaptive sports.

This is an important program for our wounded warriors. It not only helps with their rehabilitation, but more importantly, many would say it helps with their self-confidence and spirit.

I am pleased to see that we are re-authorizing the program, and remain hopeful we can work with our Senate colleagues to pass a longer extension of this program in the near future.

The second provision is a one year extension of the Homeless Veteran Reintegration Program. This is a successful program that provides grant funding for job training to local veteran homeless providers. I was proud to be an original co-sponsor of Mr. Cook's original bill to reauthorize the program and I am pleased to see it is included in the bill before us today.

I thank Chairman MILLER and Ranking Member MICHAUD for their efforts to move this bill forward and I encourage all members to support the Senate amendment to H.R. 1412.